

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

January 11, 2010

WATER DISTRICT 37, BIG WOOD RIVER

WATER DISTRICT 37M, LITTLE WOOD RIVER AND SILVER CREEK

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frederic Brossy called the Annual Water Users meeting, held at the Lincoln County Conference Center in Shoshone Idaho for Water District 37, Big Wood River and Water District 37M, Little Wood River and Silver Creek, to order at 1:33 pm on January 11, 2010.

ITEM #2 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Greg Lierman made the motion that Frederic Brossy preside as chairman for the January 11, 2010 annual meeting. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. Greg Lierman made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion for Frederic Brossy to preside as Chairman passed unopposed.

ITEM #3 SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Chairman Brossy asked for nominations for secretary. Pepin Corso-Harris nominated Cyndi McCowan as secretary of the January 11, 2010 annual meeting. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. Greg Lierman made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman Brossy asked if there were additions or corrections to the 2009 minutes? Larry Schoen commented he was unable to find the 2009 minutes on the IDWR website. He asked that a draft copy of the minutes be made available in a reasonable amount of time. Gerald Bashaw made the motion to accept the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting as presented. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #5 SELECTION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

ITEM #6 REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman Brossy asked for comments on Items #6 and #7. He suggested forgoing the credentials committee until that time there may be need for one. There was no credentials committee report.

ITEM #7 ADOPTION OF 2010 DISTRICT 37 BUDGET

ITEM #8 ADOPTION OF 2010 DISTRICT 37M BUDGET

Watermaster Kevin Lakey described changes from the 2009 to 2010 budgets. He explained there had been no raise included for himself or the secretary, but a 3% raise (with associated costs) was added for the Deputies. State Unemployment Insurance had taken a substantial increase for 2010 along with an increase in medical insurance. \$5000.00 had been removed from the 37M budget for Silver Creek maintenance. He did not feel the \$5000.00 should be assessed because there were funds set aside in a separate savings account if the need for maintenance should arise.

Kevin went on to explain the USGS had approached the Water Districts advisory board concerning the reintroduction of the Ketchum gaging station. They were seeking

funding from various entities and had asked that \$4000.00 be made available from the Water District's for the project. Kevin felt the station would be helpful in identifying flows above/below Hailey to recognize those times when water was gaining or losing. He said the information received from this station would not be used when cuts in water rights were to be determined. Jim Bartolino of the USGS told the group the funding would in no way obligate the Districts for maintenance payments after the initial installation.

Kevin stated the budgets were increased from 2009 by \$1080.90 for 2010. The assessed amount for 2010 would not be increased, but the \$1080.90 would be funded from the savings accounts of the water districts. (The assessed amount for individual accounts was based on the 5-year average of water use, with the minimum charge remaining at \$40.00)

Bud Purdy questioned if District 37M (Silver Creek) was obligated to help with the funding of the Ketchum gage site? Bud Purdy made the motion to accept the budgets but that the budgeted amount of \$1333.33 for the Ketchum gage be removed from the budget. Nick Purdy seconded the motion. Chairman Brossy told Mr. Purdy the \$1333.33 would need to be moved to the District 37 budget because the amount of funding requested by the USGS was \$4000.00. Chairman Brossy asked Mr. Bartolino for more information concerning the Ketchum gaging station. Mr. Bartolino explained the total amount of funding for the project would be in the neighborhood of \$16,000.00, of which he had commitments from other entities except the \$4000.00 requested from the Water Districts. The information obtained from the site would be available on-line. He said the site had been established around 1948 and operated until 1973 when it was abandoned. There had been a lot of development in the area above Hailey since that time and the information obtained from the site was vital in establishing flows from the three main tributaries (North Fork, East Fork and Warm Springs) in the area. Rob Struthers asked if the site would be operational in 2010? Mr. Bartolino said since there were some funding constraints, the site would probably not be operational until 2011. Rich Dinges felt there would be a need for this site if the districts moved into conjunctive management. Kevin asked if the IDWR was going to assist with the funding for operational costs? Mr. Bartolino said the cost would be around \$8000.00 per year to operate, but those funds could be gained from other sources beside the water districts.

Larry Schoen commented about the advantages of having the Ketchum gage operational, and said it would be providing baseline data for the future at a bargain price. Mr. Bartolino said the information collected would include flows, volumes and other pertinent water information. Kevin clarified that information for cuts in decrees would continue to be derived from the Black 61 gaging site.

Nick Purdy withdrew the second to the motion of removing \$1333.00 from the 2010 37M budget for funding of the Ketchum gaging site. Bud Purdy withdrew the motion.

Dave Cropper made the motion to adopt the 2010 Water District 37 budget as proposed. Jerry Bashaw seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

Greg Lierman made the motion to adopt the 2010 Water District 37M budget as proposed. Gary Osborne seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #9 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICTS 37 & 37M

Gary Osborne made the motion to approve the 2010 resolutions as presented. Carl Pendleton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #10 SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Greg Lierman made the motion to add Harvey Brauburger as the American Falls Reservoir District #2 representative for 2010. The Water Districts 2010 advisory board members would be as follows:

<u>Bill Arkoosh</u>	<u>Little Wood Hydropower</u>
<u>Frederic Brossy</u>	<u>Lower Silver Creek/Little Wood River</u>
<u>Harvey Brauburger</u>	<u>American Falls Reservoir District #2</u>
<u>Jerry Nance</u>	<u>Big Wood Canal Company</u>
<u>Gerald Bashaw</u>	<u>Upper Silver Creek</u>
<u>Pete Van Der Meulen</u>	<u>Big Wood Above Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Howard Morris</u>	<u>Big Wood Below Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Allen Koyle</u>	<u>Big Wood Hydropower</u>

Mark Sabala seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

ITEM #11 DISTRICT NEWS AND UPDATES

As goals for the Districts, Kevin's plan was to continue the improvement of management practices of deliveries, which would include coordinating with the Above Magic deputy(ies) to establish ride boundaries (before April 2010), coordinating with IDWR to identify surface water rights within the basin that should be added to the districts assessment lists, and continued cooperation with IDWR in the development of a ground water measurement district. Continue updating the decree books and integrate the delivery records into Arcmap with canal layers in the GIS program.

Kevin discussed the "off-season" deliveries (deliveries after October 31). He said Sun Valley Co. had given water delivery records for snowmaking. There were also stock water deliveries to Dietrich that could be recorded, if ice was not a problem, and Hydropower use. At the time, the districts did not charge for any out of season deliveries. There was discussion if those efforts could cost more than was equitable.

Kevin planned to install data loggers in the Gimlet 9, Aspen Lakes and Rinker 11-11A areas (6 total). Those loggers were intended to improve the management of non-consumptive water rights, water coming from and returning to the river.

Kevin discussed the water delivered for the Legacy Project at a headgate within the District 45. He said approximately 263 Acre Feet had been delivered in 2009. The water was delivered from May 10 until August 14. He was investigating new places within the District 45 to divert the project water.

In conclusion of the year in review, he said the order of the day was really conservation.

Kevin turned the floor over to Jim Bartolino of the USGS. Mr. Bartolino discussed the on going ground water studies in the Above Magic area. Larry Schoen commented he was grateful to the commitment shown by the USGS in District 37. The information would give a better picture of the resource we have.

Dave Tuthill and Lee Brown of Idaho Water Engineering gave a presentation of the work their group was doing. They discussed implementation of conjunctive management. They said they could assist in GIS compilation, that it would be important to collect and read information correctly. They felt conjunctive administration was up to the water users in the basin and not necessarily the state. They felt with the importance of water, conjunctive administration would eventually be required. It would be important for the state to receive accurate water records.

Mr. Tuthill said people had the desire to wait and let the IDWR fund the project, but with the states' funding situation that could be a long time down the road. He said the district had the option to move gracefully and methodically to conjunctive management.

Allen Merritt, IDWR, commented whether there was a water measurement district or a ground water district, the District was probably heading there. As an interim step maybe creating a measurement district was an idea. He said it would involve the same process to get where we were going. He said Interim Director Gary Spackman did not want the IDWR to fund the expense of going through the public meeting process twice. There had not been a determination if there would be separate ground and surface water districts. When concerns were raised about enforcement, Chairman Brossy said there would not be enforcement in a measurement district.

Rob Struthers commented it would cost a lot less money if everyone in the district could work together.

ITEM #12 ADJOURN

Chairman Brossy adjourned the meeting at 3:39 pm.

Respectfully,

Frederic Brossy
Chairman
Water District 37 & 37M

Cyndi McCowan
Sec./Treas.
Water District 37 & 37M